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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Toshio YAMAGIWA

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For: SEALANT-INCORPORATED TIRE MANUFACTURING
METHOD AND SEALANT-INCORPORATED TIRE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

October 2, 2002

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of May 2, 2002 for the above-referenced application, along with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and the statutory fee, making the response due on or before October 2, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2 and 4-8 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is included as an attachment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

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2. (Amended) A sealant-incorporated tire manufacturing method comprising the steps of superimposing an inner liner onto an inner surface of a tire body prior to vulcanization and bonding at least a part of said inner liner to the inner surface of said tire body by vulcanization to define an annular sealant chamber by said inner liner inside a

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